

Claims:

1. An ignition device, in particular a spark plug for
5 Otto engines, having an electric connection means and a
tubular metal housing with a screw-in thread stamped onto it,
characterized in that at least one of the metal components is
at least partly provided with a paint coating.
- 10 2. The ignition device of claim 1, characterized in
that the connection means (11) and/or the housing (13) and/or
the screw-in thread (18) is provided with a paint coating.
- 15 3. The ignition device of claim 1 and 2, characterized
in that the connection means (11) and/or the housing (13)
and/or the screw-in thread (18) has a metallizing layer over
which the paint coating can be applied.
- 20 4. The ignition device of claim 3, characterized in
that the metallizing layer contains zinc.
- 25 5. The ignition device of claim 3, characterized in
that the metallizing layer contains nickel.
- 30 6. The ignition device of at least one of the
foregoing claims, characterized in that the paint coating is
colorless.
7. A method of at least one of the foregoing claims,
characterized in that the paint coating is applied by
spraying, using a template or a suction device.
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8. The method of at least one of the foregoing claims,
characterized in that the spark plug B is subjected to a

metallizing process m prior to the painting process 1.

9. The method of at least one of the foregoing claims,
characterized in that the connection means (11) and/or the
5 housing (13) and/or the screw-in thread (18) is painted after
the assembly a of the spark plug B.

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